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TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ACTIVATING AN TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700  
ELECTROMAGNETIC CONSUMER

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 27, 2001, please reconsider the  
above identified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 21 please add the following new paragraph:

[U.S. Patent No. 6,097,585 (Heinzelmann et al.) discloses method and device for driving  
an electromagnetic consumer, which is assigned to the assignee of the instant patent application,  
and the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.]

On page 7, line 10 please add the following new paragraph:

[A device for activating an electromagnetic consumer 100 having a movable element is  
disclosed. The electromagnetic consumer 100 includes a solenoid valve for controlling a  
metering of fuel into an internal combustion engine, the device comprises, means for determining  
a duration of a time window such that a current flowing through the consumer 100 during the  
time window does not exceed a threshold value; and means for determining a switching instant